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Dear Legislators:

Please oppose the section of HB6357 which proposes adding the Healthy Foods Initiative as a new CIA-funded program. While the HFI is certainly a worthwhile program, funding for it should not come out of a fund designated for land conservation, farmland preservation, and other open space initiatives. Funding for HFI should come out of the Department of Education's budget, not CIA. The Community Investment Act's funds should be left available for the programs for which it was created.

Please do not let a Department of Education initiative destroy or dilute a fund that improves our communities' quality of life, now and for future generations.

Thank you.

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